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AFGHAN CRISIS CONTINUES

I. Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran and Turkey
   have either volunteered or been asked to
   help settle the Afghan-Pakistan dispute.

    A. Only firm action to date, however,
   taken by Saudi Arabia, which has sent
   Mussaid, youthful uncle of King Saud,
   to Kabul and Karachi.

    B. Saudi delegation arrived Kabul 14 May.

    C. Pak ambassador there says Mussaid is
   suggesting both sides "forgive and for-
   get" in best Islamic tradition, without
   any determination of guilt.

    D. This certainly acceptable to Afghans.

II. Mussaid peddling of same line in Karachi
    (where he arrived 16 May) proved totally
    unacceptable to Paks, who announced 19 May
    that Saudi mediation efforts had failed.

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A. Most Near East mediators-elect appear
to side with Paks in recognizing Afghan
guilt. **CONFIDENTIAL**

B. Paks expect quid-pro-quo for postponing
15 May ultimatum deadline.

III. Afghan prime minister Daud reported [____]   25X1

[____] to be deeply discouraged by   25X1

failure his actions (particularly army

mobilization) to inspire enthusiasm among

Afghan tribes.

A. Daud reported by both Saudi minister
and Egyptian ambassador in Kabul as
willing resign if Moslem nations find
against Pushtoonistan policy.

B. Attitude suggests Daud beginning see
folly his course, lays groundwork for
repudiation of Pushtoonistan.

C. Some indications, however, rest of
Afghan government encouraged by Saudi
attitude and attempting in last few days
to put up stronger front.

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D. Believe Paks firmness and weight of

Near East opinion will eventually

wear down Afghan resistance.

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